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Winter Weather Demands Preparedness

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Are you wishing you had stocked up on de-icer, sand and salt? Many Sedgwick County residents have been caught unprepared for the winter weather affecting our area this week. Sedgwick County Emergency Management is offering some winter weather preparedness tips to help citizens be **“Ready to Respond”** to the ice, snow and cold weather.

Remember to always keep an emergency kit in your car. That kit should include:

- Ice scraper & brush
- Warm clothing - coat, gloves, hat
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- First aid kit & manual
- Battery powered radio or tv
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Shovel
- Sand
- Tire repair kit and pump
- Flares
- High-energy food & bottled water

If you're on the road, it's also a good idea to carry a cell phone, and to make sure someone knows when you plan to leave, your travel route, and your expected arrival time. Check the road conditions before you leave, including all roads along your route. Keep the gas tank full and check your windshield wiper fluid to be sure it's topped off. Finally, use caution as you drive and remember to allow extra time for braking.

All of this information and more is available from Sedgwick County Emergency Management through its **“Ready to Respond”** program. Call Emergency Management at 383-7546 to schedule a class so you can learn how to prepare for emergencies, including harsh winter weather.

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